

This Bikeability Assessment Map was developed to identify existing opportunities and barriers for improving bicycling conditions in North Kingstown. The Street Plans Collaborative worked with Grow Smart RI and local stakeholders to complete a 'Handlebar Survey' – the collection of qualitative and quantitative information regarding existing cycling conditions collected by cycling portions of the Town and reporting on their findings.



Handlebar surveyors opted to drive to the Quonset Bike Path due to the unfriendly nature of Post Road.



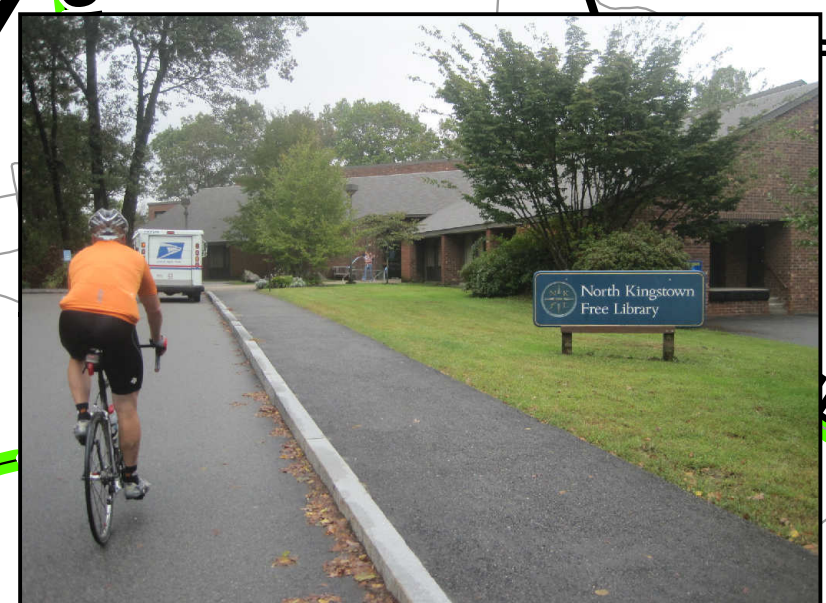
While "Comb" racks are not ideal, they send a visible message that bicyclists are welcome at the YMCA.



In Wilson Park, a well landscaped median reduces the expanse of pavement, forcing people driving to slow down.



Wide travel lanes on West Main Road could potentially be re-stripped to include bike lanes.



North Kingstown's Free Library is a great civic amenity, conveniently accessed on foot or bicycle.



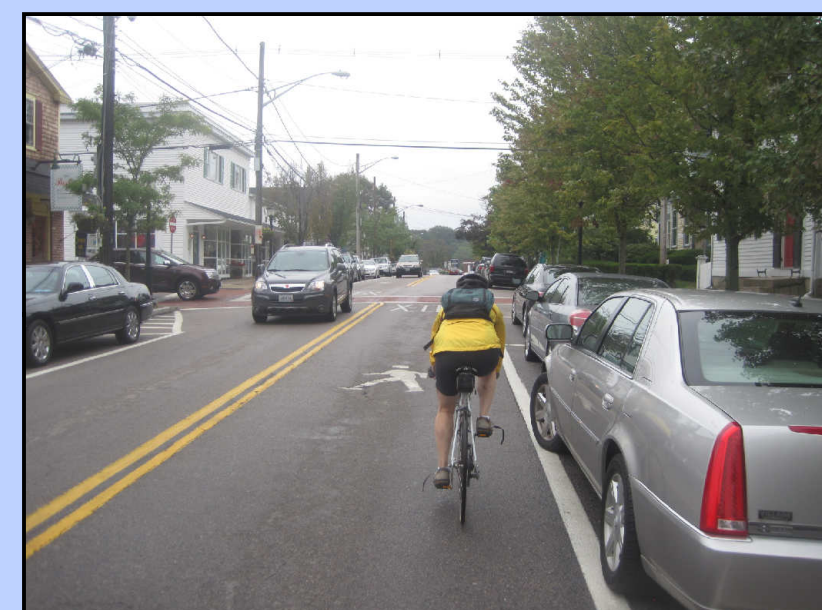
The western terminus forces users into an unfriendly, vehicle-oriented environment.



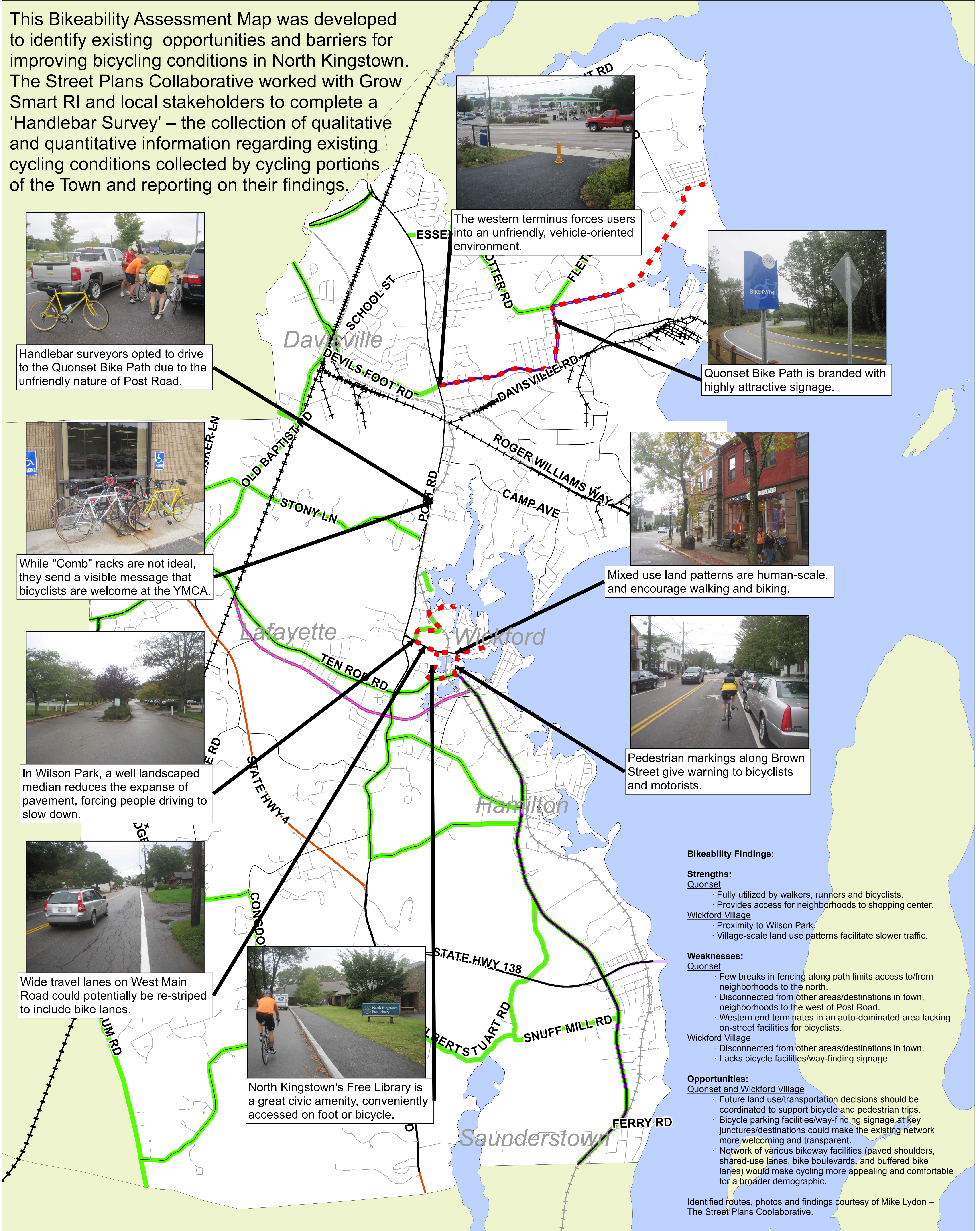
Quonset Bike Path is branded with highly attractive signage.



Mixed use land patterns are human-scale, and encourage walking and biking.



Pedestrian markings along Brown Street give warning to bicyclists and motorists.



**Bikeability Findings:**

**Strengths:**

- Quonset**
  - Fully utilized by walkers, runners and bicyclists.
  - Provides access for neighborhoods to shopping center.
- Wickford Village**
  - Proximity to Wilson Park.
  - Village-scale land use patterns facilitate slower traffic.

**Weaknesses:**

- Quonset**
  - Few breaks in fencing along path limits access to/from neighborhoods to the north.
  - Disconnected from other areas/destinations in town, neighborhoods to the west of Post Road.
  - Western end terminates in an auto-dominated area lacking on-street facilities for bicyclists.
- Wickford Village**
  - Disconnected from other areas/destinations in town.
  - Lacks bicycle facilities/way-finding signage.

**Opportunities:**

- Quonset and Wickford Village**
  - Future land use/transportation decisions should be coordinated to support bicycle and pedestrian trips.
  - Bicycle parking facilities/way-finding signage at key junctures/destinations could make the existing network more welcoming and transparent.
  - Network of various bikeway facilities (paved shoulders, shared-use lanes, bike boulevards, and buffered bike lanes) would make cycling more appealing and comfortable for a broader demographic.

Identified routes, photos and findings courtesy of Mike Lydon – The Street Plans Collaborative.

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## Bikeability Assessment Map Town-wide Assessment

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|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Road Type</b> | BikeTrip                      |
| Highway          | Most suitable road for biking |
| Arterial         | Suitable road for biking      |
| Collector        | <b>Bikepath Status (2010)</b> |
| Other            | Completed                     |
| <b>Railroad</b>  | Study and development         |
| Active           | Under study                   |
| Inactive         |                               |

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Towns - RIGIS  
Roads - RIDOT 2010 roads  
Bikepaths (Status) - RIGIS 2010  
Road suitability for biking - RIDOT Cycling Map

